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Taylor kidnapping gets underway today

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Jury selection began today in the trial of a New York City woman accused of kidnapping her estranged husband from in front of a Provo eye clinic last year.

Ann Cross Taylor faces the felony charge of kidnapping John Max Taylor during the July 16, 1987, incident.

Thirty-two prospective jurors filed into a 4th District Courtroom at 9 a.m. today. Judge J. Robert Bullock told them the trial would last about two days.

The prospective jurors were questioned by Judge Bullock, defense attorney Gary Weight and prosecuting attorney Sharlene Barlow.

A final eight-member jury will be selected before testimony in the trial begins later today.

Mrs. Taylor was not listed among the witnesses who were expected to testify at the trial. However, Mr. Taylor is expected to take the witness stand, Barlow said.

The trial begins after more than one year of delays. Mrs. Taylor, 57, has maintained her husband, 80, was not being held against his will. The prosecution maintains he was.

According to police accounts of the incident, Mr. Taylor and his sister Nadine Ashby were leaving the clinic when two women restrained Ashby and two men "forced" Mr. Taylor into a vehicle.

Police subsequently issued an arrest warrant for Mrs. Taylor, who later contacted her attorney and returned with Provo with her estranged husband.

Mr. Taylor had been living in Provo since July 1986.

Before that time, the couple had lived in an apartment overlooking New York City's Central Park for more than 20 years.

However, Mr. Taylor subsequently moved to Provo, became a Utah resident and initiated divorce proceedings.

Mrs. Taylor has previously lost battles in 4th District Court to obtain custody of Mr. Taylor or to become his legal guardian.